

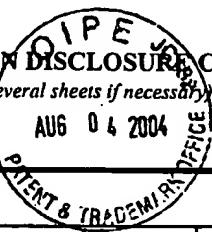
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<i>J.W. Wimer</i>	G	2332124	09-06-99	United Kingdom			✓
<i>J.W. Wimer</i>	H	10145130	05-29-98	Japanese			Abstract
<i>J.W. Wimer</i>	I	WO 99/44307	09-02-99	WIPO			✓
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<i>Jew</i>	M	5,530,926	06-25-96	Rozanski	<i>455</i>	277.2	
<i>Jew</i>	N	5,920,809	07-06-99	Clarke	<i>455</i>	272	
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<i>Winer</i>	T	3,693,088	09-19-72	Rustako, Jr. et al.	455	506	
<i>Winer</i>	U	5,710,995	01-20-98	Akaiwa et al.	455	277.2	
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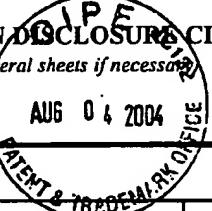

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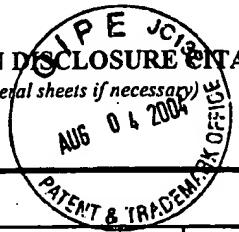
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<i>Jpn</i>	Y	5,617,102	04-01-97	Prater	342	374	
<i>Jpn</i>	A1	5,933,122	08-03-99	Sauer et al.	343	876	
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